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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SULTAN QABOOS TO U.S.

REF: MUSCAT 800

1. SULTAN HAS RETURNED TO MUSCAT AND STILL PLANS DEPART FOR EUROPE DEC. 10. WE HAVE NO FURTHER OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON HIS TRAVEL PLANS AND THEREFORE ASSUME HE STILL HAS IN MIND SHORT VISIT TO WASHINGTON STARTING ABOUT JANUARY 7 FOLLOWING FOUR WEEKS IN EUROPE, MAINLY SOUTHERN GERMANY AND LONDON.

2. IN PAST FEW DAYS VARIOUS COLLEAGUES INCLUDING INDIAN AND IRANIAN AMBASSADORS AND PR DIRECTOR OF PDO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO ME COMMENTS ABOUT QTE SULTAN'S JANUARY TRIP TO US UNQTE, ASKED IF I WOULD BE THERE AND (IN CASE OF INDIAN AMB) WHAT DATE VISIT WOULD CONCLUDE. (SEEMS INDIAN GOVT HOPING TO HOST SULTAN IN DELHI LATE JANUARY.) I HAVE PROVIDED NONCOMMITTAL RESPONSES. I ASSUME THESE "LEAKS" CAME, NATURALLY ENOUGH, FROM DIWAN OR PALACE SOURCES WHO ARE CONCERNING THEMSELVES WITH ADMINISTRATIVE PLANNING AND LOGISTICS FOR SULTAN'S EXTENDED TRAVELS.

3. PRESUMABLY FONMIN ZAWAWI WILL LEAVE WITH SULTAN OR BE

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JOINING HIM IN EUROPE AT SOME STAGE PRIOR TO DEC. 19 VISIT

TO PARIS.

4. WHEN DEPT HAS WORD FOR ME ON THIS SUBJECT PLEASE TRANSMIT NIAC IMMEDIATE TO PERMIT ME TAKE UP MATTER HERE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. HOPEFULLY ZAWAWI WILL STILL BE HERE, AS ALL DISCUSSIONS OF SUBJECT TO DATE HAVE CENTERED WITH HIM AND HE IS MOST EFFECTIVE CHANNEL FOR COORDINATION ON MATTER.
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